

Two killed, 32 injured in Texas

NTONIO, Texas, April 28 (R)—A gunman killed two and wounded 32 when he sprayed automatic rifle fire into a crowd during San Antonio's "Battle of the Flowers" Police identified the gunman as Ira Attebury, 61, but said no idea why he opened fire yesterday before being shot they closed in. Thousands of people dived for cover as the shooting and two women were killed in the hail of bullets. Two of the injured, including a two-year-old boy, were in critical condition. Police drove a bus across his line of sight and he was injured as they tried to evacuate people. The gunman fired from a camper-van near the start of the annual pageant. It was not clear if he turned his gun on himself or was shot by police. The carnival is scheduled to continue today.

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In new proposed constitution Insurance firms, banks be nationalised in Iran

April 28 (R)—A draft constitution today called for nationalisation of insurance companies, and gave the right to heavy industry and concerns.

The draft constitution, which appeared in an evening newspaper, outlined a new political system and said all rights would have to be based on principles of Iran's sharia.

The draft provided for the setting up of a watchdog body of (religious leaders) — the "Council of the Clergy" — which would rule on the legality of all laws. It also gave the draft to amendments by the constituent assembly, and the task of drawing up a new constitution to replace the 1907 constitution.

The draft constitution guaranteed the freedom of the press and abolished censorship, but said that any literature would not be allowed and that newspapers would not have the right to publish anything "which offended public decency or Islamic morals, mocked or insulted people or spread lies."

All laws approved by the future parliament will have to conform with the tenets of the Shi'ite sect of Islam, to which the vast majority of Iranians belong.

The "Council of the Clergy" will have the task of supervising what parliament legislates and, should a disagreement arise

First Israeli ship to sail through Suez Canal

TEL AVIV, April 28 (R)—An Israeli freighter will steam out of the Red Sea port of Eilat tomorrow on its way to become the first vessel from Israel to sail through the Suez Canal, the state radio reported tonight. The broadcast said the cargo ship Ashdod will be heading for Haifa.

Israel gained the right to use the Suez Canal when documents ratifying its peace treaty with Egypt were exchanged at a ceremony in the Sinai Desert on Wednesday.

In 1954, the Israeli freighter Bat Galim and its crew were detained by the Egyptians — then in a state of war with Israel — but were released several months later.

France, USSR conclude wide-ranging agreements

MOSCOW, April 28 (R)—France and the Soviet Union today signed a wide-ranging document pledging to work for east-west detente, but remained divided on disarmament, a crucial issue in talks this week.

President Leonid Brezhnev and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing signed an eight-page document entitled "Programme of Development of Cooperation" between France and the Soviet Union in the interest of detente and peace.

The signing ceremony, in Vladimir Hall of the Kremlin, followed a three-day official visit here by the French president.

Today's document said both countries agreed to exist on equal grounds for consultations to limit the arms race "so as to understand better their respective positions and bring them closer together."

In a written statement for the press, Mr. Brezhnev said of the Franco-Soviet talks: "Of course, we did not have identical views on

Bazargan promises ethnic Arabs 'more conduct' in government

TEHRAN, April 28 (R)—Iranian Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan today said he would give more local conduct of government affairs, the prime minister's office said.

"Mr. Bazargan said the government would like to see the provinces take care of a larger volume of their affairs and they should help the central government realise this objective," a spokesman reported.

The delegation of more than 20 Arab representatives from oil-rich Khuzestan province is calling for local control of most government functions. The group recognises central government responsibility for foreign affairs, defence, long-term economic planning and operation of the oil industry. But its members expressed a desire Thursday for more oil money to be used in Khuzestan.

Group spokesman Faisal Ameri said Saturday that the panel had found Dr. Bazargan very sympathetic to their point of view.

In Tehran, demonstrators who described themselves as Palestinian and Lebanese students, marched in the streets to protest the disappearance of Imam Musa Sadr, a Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim leader, and the decision by rightists to declare parts of South Lebanon a separate state.

Imam Musa Sadr, who has been missing since last year following a visit to Libya, Libyan authorities claim they last saw him in Tripoli boarding an airliner for Rome, but Italian officials said he never arrived.

Later, the foreign ministry on behalf of the Islamic republic of Iran, denounced rightist Lebanese leader Maj. Saad Haddad's decision declaring a free Lebanese

Moscow expresses regret over U.S. embassy incident

MOSCOW, April 28 (R)—The Soviet foreign minister today expressed his regret to the U.S. embassy here over an incident in which a Russian man hijacked a taxi through the gates of the building last night and fired shots in the embassy yard.

Tass news agency said Soviet officials "thanked the embassy for helping to detain the man, who was named as Yuri Nikreditin."

The wording of the Tass story was in marked contrast to Soviet reporting of a much more violent incident at the mission last month in which a man blew himself up inside the building. Official media suggested that episode was the fault of the embassy for not letting the Soviet police scrutinise all its visitors.

North Yemen severs ties with Egypt

SANAA, April 28 (R)—North Yemen today became the 11th Arab country to sever diplomatic relations with Egypt since it exchanged instruments of ratification of a peace treaty with Israel this week. Sixteen Arab states have now broken ties with Egypt, for concluding the treaty, in accordance with resolutions adopted by a conference of Arab ministers of foreign affairs and economy held in Baghdad last month.

The state-run Sanaa radio quoted an official spokesman as saying he hoped the reasons which prompted the move would be removed in a short time.

Regional Briefs

SCUS, April 28 (R)—Syria and Czechoslovakia have to develop economic, technical and health cooperation two accords signed today. The accords were signed by planning minister and the Czechoslovak ministers of foreign and health at the end of a three-day visit by a Czechoslovak delegation. Official sources said both countries would joint drug factories. Czechoslovakia would also import phosphates and help implement several development projects.

AN, April 21 (AP)—A Palestine Liberation Organisation representative here said that since the PLO opened an office in Tehran in March, about 10,000 Iranian youths have left for future training at PLO camps. Hani Al Hassan, a PLO representative in Tehran, told the Persian weekly newspaper, Javan, that of the 10,000 Iranians who registered for the camp, 300 of them were women.

LLAH, Israel, April 28 (R)—Nude sunbathing by Irish was one of a list of complaints which the commander of driving militia in southern Lebanon handed to the United States forces today. The commander, Maj. Saad Haddad, told the Israeli northern Israel border town he had also protested the handing over by U.N. forces of some positions to the army forces who entered the region about two weeks ago. Haddad said he had also complained against the refusal of Senegalese U.N. contingent to permit his men to lay a one line near Naqura, not far from the local U.N. headquarters. U.N. officials in occupied Jerusalem said they had not received the protests.

RA, April 28 (R)—Islamic and Arab countries of the Middle East discussed energy issues and Saudi-Norwegian relations today. Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said today. Turkey could make important contributions, he said. Ecevit was speaking at a meeting with Turkish ambassadors from Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt and Iran to assess recent developments in the Middle East. The ambassadors are also expected to brief Mr. Ecevit on the possibility of increasing Turkey's trade links with these countries. Ecevit said the problems of the region could be solved by the countries of the region. Political problems could be diminished by increased economic cooperation and solution.

AH, April 28 (R)—Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani today discussed energy issues and Saudi-Norwegian relations with Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Jar Egge, the Saudi Press Agency reported. Sheikh Yamani said no date had been fixed for a meeting of some members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other oil producers, such as Canada and Britain. Conference had been discussed with the Norwegian minister, including which countries OPEC members would agree to discuss "energy matters only," he said.

ABU DHABI, April 28 (R)—The seven-state United Arab Emirates held a census on Dec. 16 next year, the official Emirates Agency (WAM) said. It will cost \$2.2 million.

TO, April 28 (AP)—Japan's Marubeni Corp. and Kawasaki Industries Ltd. have received an order to construct a manufacturing plant at Hit, Iraq, about 90 kilometres from Baghdad. Marubeni Corp. said in a news release today. The order came from Iraq's Organisation of Industrial Design and Construction, a subsidiary of the ministry of industry and commerce. Construction of the plant, with a yearly production of about 1 million tons, is to be completed in 31.5 months. The contract is signed. Cost of the plant, according to the company, is 25 billion yen (about \$125 million), Marubeni said.

A LUMPUR, April 28 (R)—Egyptian Vice-President Mubarak will arrive from Indonesia on Monday on a one-stop tour to explain to Malaysian leaders Egypt's case for signing a peace treaty with Israel. A foreign ministry statement said he would hold talks with Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn and Deputy Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen. In Jakarta, Mr. Mubarak met President Suharto today for talks mainly concerned with attempts to bring about a durable peace in the Middle East. Mubarak arrived in Jakarta yesterday for a four-day visit. President Adam Malik at a state banquet for Mr. Mubarak tonight, pledged Indonesia's continued support for the Arab

Labour cuts Tory lead in British election campaign

LONDON, April 28 (R)—Britain's ruling Labour Party has cut a big election lead by the opposition Conservatives to three per cent in the closing days of its struggle to stay in power, the latest poll published today said.

The Conservatives led Labour by more than 20 per cent in polls when they toppled the minority government in a no confidence motion on March 28. But today's poll by Market and Opinion Research International (MORI) showed 44 per cent of those surveyed supporting the Conservatives, 41 per cent Labour and 12 per cent Liberal.

The poll indicated that the Liberals, who held the balance of power in the last parliament with 13 seats in the 635-seat House of Commons, could again decide which party rules Britain after Thursday's election.

Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher, who would be Europe's first woman prime minister if elected, addressed herself for the first time to the question of what effect her sex would have on voters. She said in an exclusive broadcast interview that she thought being a woman would win her more votes than it would cost her.

Mrs. Thatcher said the country had known one of its greatest rulers under the rule of Queen Elizabeth II.



His Majesty King Hussein, Her Majesty Queen Noor and Prime Minister Mudar Badran watch the Iraqi folk costume show at the Palace of Culture Saturday evening.

Oil states' investment income to exceed \$15 billion by 1980

ABU DHABI, (AP)—Investment income of the Middle East and Gulf oil states is expected to exceed \$15 billion by 1980, according to a study by the Arab Monetary Fund.

The study was supervised by Odeh Aburdene, who is on secondment from the First National Bank of Chicago. His report covers Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The Arab oil states now own chunks of property stretching from South Carolina to the Champs Elysees in Paris, the report said. Their combined revenues rose from \$781 million in 1972 to an estimated \$10.9 billion in 1978. It is expected to rise to \$13 billion this year, the report added.

Aburdene said he believes the importance of investment incomes is much underrated by international economists. The foreign assets of the countries under study have jumped from \$9.7 billion to over \$122 billion because of oil price hikes and increased production.

"Their use of oil revenues has been exceedingly cautious and conservative. They have not engaged in financial manoeuvres to upset the economies of those nations where their oil is sold and where their funds are invested," the report said.

Nor have they bought the major companies in the world as was predicted in 1974. These countries want to turn their financial assets into something with a solid underlying capital value, not just into a big portfolio producing a return," it added.

Aburdene said "these cautious investment policies" have been an underlying factor in the stability of the U.S. dollar. "It must be kept in mind that whatever value the dollar retained on the international money exchange during the wave of dollar selling last September-October was due to the fact that oil producing countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, refused to switch any substantial part of dollar investments into, say, Dutch marks or Japanese yen," his report said.

It added that the Saudis have gone to great lengths "to emphasise their desire to cooperate with the U.S. in order to strengthen the dollar."

The bulk of the foreign assets consist of deposits with foreign banks, mainly in dollars, in the U.S. and Europe. A large portion of Saudi Arabia's foreign assets are invested in U.S. government obligations, notably Treasury bills, bonds and notes. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi have purchased top rated corporate bonds and notes. Direct investment is very little.

The report said Kuwaiti stakes in British financial institutions, such as banks and insurance companies are worth £70 million. Kuwait has also purchased parcels of real estate in Washington, Atlanta, Boston, New Orleans, South Carolina and the Champs Elysees in Paris. It also has a 13 per cent share in Daimler Benz, the West German car manufacturer.

Eilts quotes U.S. President Carter 'will do something' to solve Palestine problem

CAIRO, April 28 (AP)—Mr. Hermann Eilts, the United States Ambassador to Cairo who has worked intimately with President Jimmy Carter on a Middle East peace settlement, says he is convinced the American leader "will do something" to solve the Palestinian problem.

"At a private luncheon, President Carter told us: 'I feel committed personally towards the Palestinian cause... I want to do something for the Palestinians,'" Mr. Eilts said in an interview published today by the Al Ahram newspaper.

"I am convinced President Carter will achieve that. Judging from my position with him I can say he will do something on the basis of his ethical convictions and moral commitments," Mr. Eilts was quoted as saying.

The Camp David agreements, a framework for Middle East peace accepted by the United States, Egypt and Israel, provides for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza. But the Palestinians seek a state of their own.

The U.S. ambassador, who is to leave the foreign service in June for a post as professor on the Middle East at Boston University was among the handful of aides who participated in the Camp David negotiations.

Mr. Eilts, who became U.S. Ambassador to Cairo in 1973, has worked intimately with two American presidents, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, as well as two secretaries of state, Henry Kissinger and Cyrus Vance on means of settling the 30-year old Middle East conflict. He was posted in Tehran, Jeddah, London, Washington and Tripoli, Libya before he became ambassador to Saudi Arabia and finally in Cairo.

"I feel now (after a framework for Middle East peace has been set and after the Egyptian-Israeli treaty signed) that a chapter in the huge book of the Middle East has been closed," Mr. Eilts said.

Mr. Eilts said he plans to write two books, the first on American-Egyptian relations since 1973 to this day, and the second on American-Arabian Peninsula relations, including Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Mr. Alfred Atherton, roving U.S. Ambassador to the Middle East, who played a prominent role in the 16-month-long negotiations between Egypt and Israel that culminated in a peace pact, is widely expected to replace Mr. Eilts in Cairo. But no official announcement from the White House has yet been made on the issue.

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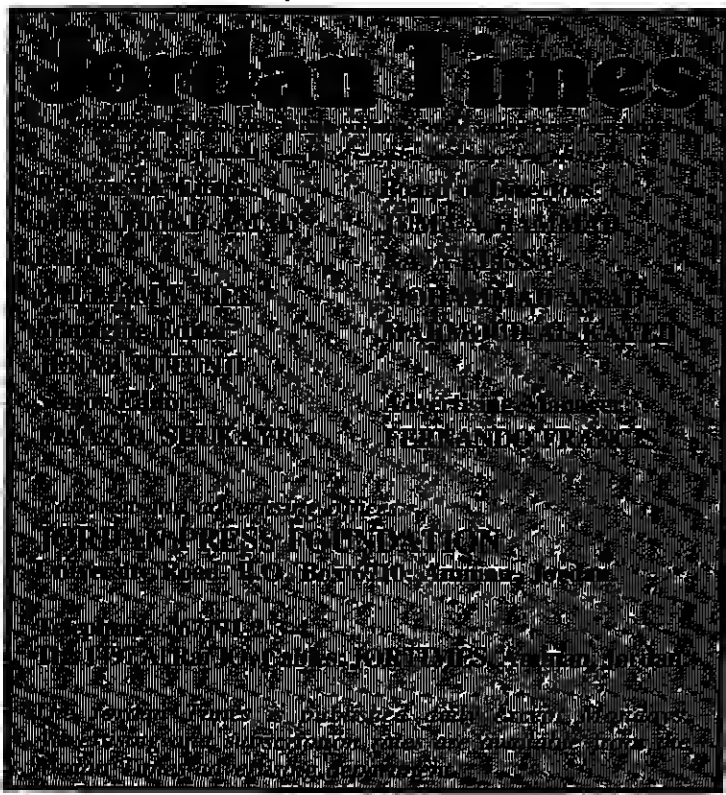
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—U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders

"...At this time, however, the other neighbours of Israel are trying to create every possible obstacle to the carrying out of the peace treaty terms...The best way to change their attitude — that is, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and others — is to demonstrate in the coming negotiations that the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people will be honoured."

—U.S. President Jimmy Carter

TWO AMERICAN statements, one almost lulling reassurance in tone; the other mildly admonitory—and both of them invoking the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" as a built-in determinant of the present U.S. negotiating effort. Both Mr. Carter and Mr. Saunders went on in these remarks, made this past week, to insist that the Camp David accords offered the only mechanism by which these rights could be achieved.

It is getting rather late in the day to continue vainly positing a view opposite to that held by these two distinguished individuals. As they bask in the diplomatic "victory" of the latest Egyptian-Israeli Sinai disengagement agreement—for that is the (admittedly not inconsiderable) single fruit of the negotiating effort to date—the Americans are seeking to soften up public opinion for the next stage: the negotiations which Egypt and Israel will bilaterally undertake a month from now on the question of Palestinian "autonomy."

It is in that stage that the fatal weaknesses of the Camp David approach lie, through their failure to afford an adequate and realistic negotiating forum for these negotiations, for their failure to embrace all the parties concerned with the future disposition of the Palestinian people (not least of whom are the acknowledged representatives of those people), and by their failure to reconcile Israel's participation in the negotiations with its publicly stated intention never to admit the possibility of the national rights of the Palestinians ever gaining expression.

But the public relations effort goes on, in the vain hope that we will all be lulled into submission to a process with a built-in momentum. What cosmetic devices that P.R. effort comes up with when no Palestinians find the negotiating framework remotely inductive to their participation in the next stage remains to be seen.

The solemn invocation of their rights in the corridors of Washington will soon begin to echo more hollowly than ever.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

COMMENTING ON the Israeli attacks on South Lebanon, AL RA'I Saturday says that the Arabs, the U.S. and Israel all know that the Baghdad summit did not reject peace, nor did it opt for war. Yet the summit did not propose an alternative to the Camp David peace formula which has left Israel free to "communicate with us in the language of bullets."

Israel, the paper says, is trying to present the Arabs before the world as war-propagandists, while trying to present itself as an advocate of peace.

The paper calls for an Arab summit to correct this "inverted logic", and draw up a peace formula as an alternative to the Camp David treaty.

The paper further recommends that the Arabs adopt the formula Jordan has been advocating since 1967. This formula, the paper says, is the ideal one for the achievement of balanced peace in the area, based on Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians particularly their rights to regain the territory of their homeland and exercise their right to self-determination in full freedom.

"We propose that the Arab leaders study this formula as it is the only one which guarantees comprehensive peace in the area, and puts an end to the escalating tension threatening the security, peace, and stability of the area and the world at large," the paper says.

AL DUSTOUR sees in the meeting which was held recently between the Iraqi and Lebanese foreign ministers an indication that an Arab summit may be convened to discuss the situation in South Lebanon.

The paper says that such a summit would be a step in the right direction since the Arabs consider the issue of southern Lebanon a joint Arab responsibility which cannot be shouldered by Lebanon alone.

Touching on the Saad Haddad "statelet", the paper says it constitutes a flagrant Israeli challenge to the Arabs who reject capitulation, and a test of their capacity to act.

The paper further says that what is going on in South Lebanon is nothing but a link in the chain of events designed to force capitulation on the area.

In conclusion, the paper says that an Arab summit is necessary to frustrate Israeli acts of aggression.

West Germany to lend DM 14 m. for agriculture

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 28 (JNA) — Jordan is to get a DM 14 million loan from West Germany to improve agricultural production, according to two agreements signed here yesterday.

The first agreement is for DM 10 million to the Jordan Agricultural Credit Corporation which will in turn lend the money to Jordanian farmers with the aim of improving their agricultural methods to increase crops.

The second agreement for DM four million, is also to be channelled through the corporation but this time to agricultural cooperative organisations and their members.

President of the National Planning Council Dr. Hanna Odeh, who is on a visit to West Germany, signed the agreements on behalf of the Jordanian government.

ECWA meet to propose anti-inflation measures

BAGHDAD, April 28 (J.T.) — Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani arrived here today to take part in the five-day meeting of the Economic Committee for Western Asia (ECWA).

Upon arrival, he stressed the importance of the ECWA meeting out of which, he said, the Arab

nation expects to come decisive resolutions to be put into effect immediately.

During the meeting, the participants will discuss ECWA's economic activities and financial position for this year as well as measures to counter inflation in their countries.

Ex-minister Abbas Mirza dies at 82

AMMAN, April 28 (JNA) — Mr. Abbas Mirza a former cabinet minister and a leading figure in the Circassian community in Jordan, died today at the age 82 and was buried in Jarash.

Attending the burial ceremony were the Chief Chamberlain, Prince Raad Ibn Zaid representing His Majesty King Hussein, several former ministers and members of the National Consultative Council.

Born in 1897, Mr. Mirza was only two years old when he and his family moved to Jordan, first to Ruseifah, then to Jarash.

After completing his education in Damascus, Mr. Mirza held several government posts in Jordan. He served as governor and as



interior minister more than once. He was also a prominent member of the Upper House of parliament.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Controlling growth

Dear Sir,

In the Jordan Times "Notebook" of April 19, Mr. Rami Khouri, in suggesting a ban on all new construction in the Amman region (with the exception of shawarma stands and other essential public institutions), makes not only an "immodest proposal" but rather an unrealistic and counterproductive one.

What the Amman region needs, is not a ban on development by private investors, but rather the adoption and imposition of effective management and control techniques to insure an economically healthy growth and development.

Unfortunately, to date, the City of Amman has not adopted strong legislation in the areas of zoning and other land use controls, and at times certain regulations are waived to accommodate certain pressure groups. The result has been a pattern of unhealthy mixed land use whereby a single family home is not immune from the sudden appearance of a twelve-storey hotel, a petrol station, or a car wash on the adjoining lot. Also evident in the development of the suburban fringe of Amman is the pattern of "leapfrogging" — that is, sporadic, sparse, and uncoordinated development in outlying areas. This kind of development adds an unjust burden on city services such as water, sewage, police and fire protection, since the property tax base is so low.

There are many ways the city can control such development. Agricultural or large-lot zoning is perhaps the most popular method. Developments allowed in these districts usually include agricultural uses. Minimum lot sizes generally vary from 8 to 20 dunums. The theory behind large-lot zoning is that the cost of large lots tends to discourage development.

Another method is the Planned Unit Development concept. The theory here is to cluster development in more dense, tightly structured patterns, while leaving a good deal of usable open space for residents. If properly designed, these developments can create a desirable living environment, save natural resources, and aid in controlling development in the urban fringe.

Another method is the Tax Deferral Law. This permits the owner of agricultural land to apply for a special classification that allows his land to be taxed on its value for agricultural production rather than its market value. The tax assessor then keeps a record of the annual difference in assessment and when the land is sold or converted to urban uses, these back taxes become due. This will encourage the farmer to stay on his land and thereby protect valuable agricultural land, and encourage orderly urban expansion.

Another method is utility extension policies. Since construction of roads and such major utilities as sanitary sewers, water systems and electricity has a substantial leverage on the timing and degree of urban development rather than simply to serve it.

There are a host of other control methods which due to limited space I cannot indulge into.

The Amman Urban Region Planning Group which boasts a staff of over 20 professionals, specialised in various fields of regional planning, is now well under way in the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the Amman Region. The Plan will, upon completion and adoption by the Council of Ministers, recommend, among other things, the type and intensity of land use and methods of controlling suburban growth.

In parallel with this Plan, the Irbid Region Plan is now complete. It proposes a sound programme for the orderly development of that region, proposes methods for attracting industry and other employment generating activities to lessen the migration trend to Amman, which has become a "parasite city." The Aqaba Regional Plan will soon be under way, and a similar one for Karak is now under study.

It is counterproductive to halt development and growth, especially in a free market economy. It is, however, essential to adopt and impose effective and productive management and control devices to insure an orderly, planned and economically healthy growth.

Yours Truly,

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WTO regional office to be moved to Amman

AMMAN, April 28 (AP) — The regional office of the World Tourism Organisation was transferred to Amman from Cairo Saturday by a decision of an emergency session of the Middle East Travel Commission.

The 12-member commission has been meeting in Amman since Friday. Its decision was in compliance with the decision made by Arab foreign and finance ministers to impose sanctions against Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

The office became the first branch of an international organisation to be moved out of Cairo after the signing of the peace treaty.

The office will be moved to Amman after the signing of the peace treaty.

FAO committee opens food production meeting

AMMAN, April 28 (JNA) — A regional consultative committee of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) will open a six-day meeting here tomorrow to discuss ways of promoting food production.

Participants from 22 countries from the Middle East and North

Africa as well as FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme will be discussing methods to increase production of food crops with the aim of narrowing the gap between production and consumption in local communities which is essential now in view of the increase in population.

Three European linguists visit colleague in Jordan

AMMAN, April 28 (J.T.) — As a result of a conversation in Yemen four years ago, a Jordanian and three European professors decided to write a dictionary of the Sabean language of pre-Islamic South Arabia. This week the three European were in Amman to meet with their Jordanian colleague, Prof. Mahmoud Al Ghul, head of the Arabic Literature Department and Dean of research at Yarmouk University.

The visiting scholars are Prof. A.F.L. Beeston, retired professor of Arabic Literature at Oxford University, England; Prof. Walter W. Muller, professor of Semitic languages at Marburg University, West Germany; and Prof. Jacques Ryckmans of Louvain University, Belgium.

The three linguists stopped in Amman after attending a symposium in Riyadh on the pre-Islamic history of Arabia. It was the second of three symposiums being sponsored by the University of Riyadh. The first was two years ago dealing with Arabian history in general and the next will be held in two years' time on the early Islamic period.

The recent pre-Islamic symposium on April 13-19 dealt with the period from the Stone Age to the beginning of Islam.

While attending another meeting four years ago in Aden the four scholars got together to come up with their dictionary project. Prof. Ryckmans has a publisher already lined up in Belgium and the dictionary translations of the ancient language will appear in English, French and Arabic.

The four professors usually meet together about three times each year to combine their efforts. One meeting place is the year seminar held at either Oxford, Cambridge or London on Arabic studies.

While in the Middle East for the symposium in Riyadh, the three Europeans took advantage of the occasion to meet with Dr. Ghul on the Yarmouk University campus. Apart from their working sessions in Irbid, the three visitors have also been given a tour of the Archaeology Department at the University of Jordan and met with the head of the department and university faculty members.

They also met with Dr. Mu'awiyah Ibrahim and Mr. Michael Hamameh of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

Although the three linguists are primarily interested in ancient inscriptions found in the Arabian peninsula, they took time out from their labours in Irbid to visit Karak.

Prince Hassan to open municipalities symposium

AMMAN, April 28 (JNA) — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan will tomorrow chair a two-day symposium organised by the municipalities in the Balqa and Amman governorates. The symposium, which opens in the city of Salt, will discuss the broad lines as well as the objectives of the Amman urban region planning project, and the accomplishments to date.

The mayor of Amman, district governors, mayors and officials of the municipal councils in the two governorates in addition to mayors of towns from various parts of the country will take part in this symposium which will debate seven working papers covering such services as the numbering of cities, water supply, electricity, sewerage, garbage collection and environmental health.

Underprivileged children enjoy YWCA Easter party

By Serene Farraj
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 28 — A party for underprivileged children was held today at the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) on the occasion of the International Year of the Child. Some 25 children from Mar Mansour's home for orphans arrived at the YWCA where they were received by volunteers ready to take them around and play with them.

The age of the 25 children at Mar Mansour's home ranges between three and six years. Children are accepted by the home on condition that they are poor and have no one to support them. Full

accommodation is provided free of charge for them until they reach six years of age after which they are taken to schools such as Schneller, or other orphanages in Jordan. The home is located on the way to Naour and is undergoing expansion that will enable it to accommodate about 500 orphans in the future.

During the party, Pepsi, Seven Up, and Easter cakes and eggs were distributed to the children, in addition to presents brought to the YWCA two weeks ago at a fundraising masquerade party. At this party each child brought one of his toys with him to be distributed at today's party for underprivileged children—a kind of taking from the rich to give to the poor.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours. Last day is on Monday.

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by the fine arts students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open during regular hours, ending on Monday.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy by Pascal Jardin and Claude Sautet entitled "L'age ingrat" at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Art

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of drawings and paintings by German children at the Haya Arts Centre. The exhibit opens at 4:00 p.m.

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Stanford professor says Mass media alone fail to get the message across

By Terry McBryde
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 28 — The role of communications in national development is being modified from the use of mass media alone to include the application of organized inter-personal (face to face) communication, Stanford University professor Everett Rogers told the Jordan Times this week.

Prof. Rogers came to Jordan to speak at a symposium last Thursday on "The Role of Communications Media in Population and National Development in Jordan."

The inter-personal communication approach outlined by Prof. Rogers makes use of small media groups or study groups of about ten to 15 people who receive mass media information at their meetings and then discuss it together. The results are significantly better than when mass communication is used alone.

Prof. Rogers defines development as consisting of individual behaviour change such as getting farmers to use fertilisers or getting mothers to inoculate their children against diseases or upgrade nutrition. He said that the mass media alone can no longer be expected to bring about development; "no longer is development considered to be something that the government does to people, but it involves more self-development."

Prof. Rogers has carried out research in South Korea, China and other countries on the use of media groups in self-development. "A local group is almost essential for self-development to occur," he said. He pointed out that as a result of government encouragement of self-development in South Korea more is done by the local groups than by the government. Groups may initiate projects or determine the highest priorities.

In China the population is

organised into study groups. Prof. Rogers said. These groups are read an article on development from the Peking People's Daily. The subject is then discussed and the group members decide courses of action to take. During Prof. Rogers' visit to China campaigns against flies and mosquitoes were subjects of study group reading sessions and discussions. Prof. Rogers said that as a result he found almost no flies or mosquitoes in Peking.

Egypt and Sudan now have pilot projects in the use of media groups, according to Prof. Rogers. The main purpose of the 100 to 200 television listening groups in Egypt is to provide feedback to the government on development topics it broadcasts.

A suggestion that media groups be used in Jordan brought a mixed response at the recent symposium here. Some Jordanian officials stated that Jordanian villagers were very individualistic and less likely to be affected by group discussions; however, another pointed out that the Bedouin tribal system would be conducive to group meetings. Prof. Rogers said. Several participants mentioned the possible benefits of a pilot project for group development, and the majority seemed to favour the formation of a task force to explore new ways of using communications for development.

Prof. Rogers said that Jordan has a great asset in the widespread education in the Kingdom. He also spoke highly of Jordan Television's Development Communication Programme and suggested that this type of programme could be used in other media.

Prof. Rogers hopes that more efforts toward development communication will be made in Jordan and that the task force will be formed. The task force could look into the possibility of forming media groups in Jordan. "These groups do make development happen," Prof. Rogers said.

Coming & Going

Turkish information delegation leaves

AMMAN, April 28 (JNA) — A Turkish information delegation left for home today at the end of a five-day visit to Jordan. During the visit the delegation met with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and officials from the Ministry of Information and the local press to discuss cooperation between mass media in Jordan and Turkey. The delegation also toured several development projects in the Jordan Valley and tourist and archeological sites in the country.

UAE chief justice leaves

AMMAN, April 28 (JNA) — Chief Justice of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Ahmad Ibn Nubarak Abdul Aziz Al Muharak and the delegation accompanying him today left here following a week-long visit to Jordan during which they met with His Majesty King Hussein and several other senior Jordanian officials. During this visit, the chief justice discussed with Jordanian officials several subjects relating to Islamic issues of interest to the two countries.

Chambers of commerce president off to Rabat

AMMAN, April 28 (JNA) — President of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Mohammed Ali Budeir left for Rabat today to take part in the 23rd conference of Arab chambers of industry, commerce and agriculture. During the five-day conference which opens tomorrow the contribution of trade to Arab economic integration and joint Arab economic strategy will be discussed, Mr. Budeir said. In addition, the conference will discuss a number of subjects of interest to Arab chambers of commerce, and the possibility of establishing an Arab financial development company with an estimated capital of JD 50 million which will have its headquarters in Dubai.

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U.S. dollar	304.00/306.00
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Children can be taught to express their feelings through art, says Ms. Leibniz seated here amid her 20 pupils. It is only the talent that makes them works of a stronger or weaker form.

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 28 — The world's oldest continuously inhabited city will mark a first in its 6,000-year history when it hosts an International Dental Congress from April 30 to May 3.

The four-day congress has been organised by the Syrian Dental Association in collaboration with the Jordanian Dental Association. Not only is it the first international dental conference to convene in the Middle East, but it is the first time WHO (World Health Organisation) and FDI (Federation Internationale Dentaire) have participated in such a meeting.

Preparations have been underway for more than one year under the direction of Dr. Hisham Burhani, president of the Syrian-Jordanian organising committee. Headquarters will be the Meridien Hotel, where all sessions will convene.

"Not only do we have a first rate programme on a scientific level, but 15 social and tourist activities are scheduled as well," said Dr. Burhani, who holds a DDS degree from the Guggenheim Dental Clinic, New York City, and a master's degree in Public Health from Antwerp, Belgium.

More than 600 reservations have been received from throughout the world and it is clear that Dr. Burhani's committee is putting Syria on the map for a lot of people.

"It's amazing to learn how many educated people have no idea where Syria is," he said.

"We've received letters addressed to Damascus, Lebanon. Several people were concerned about the 'war', but it was unclear if they were confusing Syria with Lebanon or Iran."

Opening sessions on Monday will deal with the development of dental equipment and materials and new concepts of modern dentistry. Tuesday's programme will fall under the category of preventive dentistry in general practice. Wednesday will be geared to talks on dental implants and prosthetics, instruments and operative techniques.

Seminars are slated for Thursday under the sponsorship of WHO. Morning sessions will be concerned with dental materials and their hazards to both dentists and patients. The afternoon seminar will concern "Dental Public

Health Services in Developing Countries."

In addition to organising the congress, Dr. Burhani will lecture Thursday afternoon. His topic: "The Problems of Dental Diseases in Greater Damascus."

When asked to elaborate on the dental hygiene programme in Damascus, Dr. Burhani said: "Our foremost target is children. The sooner you can teach people to brush their teeth properly, the more teeth you're going to save. In Damascus, there are 400,000 youngsters between the ages of 4 to 12 years. We have a school health department and programmes on dental hygiene are being carried out in the classrooms."

"Nonetheless, the situation is growing worse at an alarm rate, according to sample tests carried out on a computerised basis. These statistics show that in 1958, the average 12-year-old had caries in 2.5 teeth; in 1974, this had increased to 4.7 teeth, and in 1976, 5.2 of his teeth were diseased. In 1958, 40 per cent of the children were free of caries, now only 10 per cent are."

How does he propose to remedy this situation?

"Fluoridation," Dr. Burhani replied. "It's such a simple solution, but there are people here who violently object to fluoride being put in the water just as there are in the United States."

"The percentage of fluoride needed to effectively protect the teeth is 1 litre to 1 million litres of water, but there remains a block of suspicious people who fear fluoride. Nonetheless, anyone who drinks strong tea is probably consuming more fluoride than the minuscule amount dentists recommend be put into the public water system."

"After fluoridation, we need an expanded dental health education campaign. We must educate people on proper brushing of the teeth and care of the gums. On the rural level, we're trying to inform teachers and key people in the villages on the basics of dental hygiene."

One of the key speakers at Monday morning's opening session dealing with new concepts of dentistry will be Dr. Talal Fakhr of Damascus University. His topic will be "Early Diagnosis of Caries Through Liquid Crystals."

Dr. Fakhr was the Syrian

member of a research team sponsored by WHO which perfected a technique of detecting caries two years before they can be seen by the naked eye. His work was conducted in 1976 in Strasbourg, France, with Drs. Claude Allemann and Marcel Doege.

"The result of our work is in the experimental stage," Dr. Fakhr said, "but perhaps in 10 years, it will be implemented on a practical, inexpensive scale."

"Basically, we apply liquid crystals of cholesterol to the teeth. You must remember that the structure of the tooth is 97 per cent mineral and when a carie begins, it is actually the start of a process of demineralisation. The liquid crystals change colour wherever this demineralisation takes place, but this is visible only under the eye of a scanning microscope."

"Upon detection, the carie is treated with fluoride and galvanisation. Mineralisation then takes place and the decayed part of the tooth returns to its normal structure."

More than 67 topics are slated for the four-day congress and judging by the information Drs. Burhani and Fakhr toss out in easy-to-understand layman's English, it should be a productive convention.

"Other talks highlighting the sessions will be: 'Plastic Surgical Procedures in the Oral Cavity,' by Dr. O. Kriens of West Germany; 'Cancer of the Intra-Oral Cavity,' by Dr. Marwan Rifai, Syria; 'Treatment of Oral Malignant Tumors by Iridium Needles,' by Dr. Sakka Amin, Syria; 'The Current Role of Osseous Surgery in Preventive Periodontics,' by Dr. Peter Robinson, United States; and 'The Scope of Dental Public Health,' by Dr. J. David Erickson, United States."

Dental films will be shown from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

The distaff side has not been forgotten. Wives of dentists will be taken under the wing of the Syrian Women's Union and given tours of schools set up to combat illiteracy among adults, and they will be taken to visit women in rural areas. Side trips also have been arranged before and after the congress to Maloula, Palmyra and Homs.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	1,516	6.730	6.750	6.740
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	3,035	—	—	14.250
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	6,662	—	—	22.800
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	1,193	1.170	1.200	1.170
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	1,040	2.590	2.640	2.600
General Mining Co.	JD 1.000	930	0.930	0.940	0.930
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	3,133	1.410	1.440	1.410
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5.000	862	9.800	10.100	9.800
Arab Development and Investment Co.	JD 2.000	544	1.200	1.320	1.210
Petra Bank	JD 10.000	82,038	11.300	11.500	11.300
Jordan Bank	JD 5.000	14,137	7.400	—	7.500
Jordan National Bank	JD 5.000	7,205	8.000	8.100	8.050
Arab Bank	JD 10.000	84,390	—	94.000	93.000
Calre-Amman Bank	JD 5.000	755	6.850	6.950	6.950
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	10,500	9.750	—	10.500
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	241	0.680	—	0.690

Total volume traded, Saturday, April 28: JD 218,181
Total number of shares traded: 18,397

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be moderate. Winds will be southwesterly moderate. In Aqaba Gulf winds will be moderate and seas calm.

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Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—Nino Espinosa hurled a four-hitter and singled twice as the Philadelphia Phillies blanked Gaylord Perry and the San Diego Padres 2-0 Friday night. The 40-year-old Perry, last year's National League Cy Young winner and the only pitcher to win the award in both leagues, struggled through the first few innings as the Phillies scored twice. Espinosa set the Padres down in order in the first, second, sixth and seventh innings. He had six strikeouts and walked only two in raising his record to 3-0.

In other National League action, Art Howe drove in four runs with four hits, including a tie-breaking RBI single in the 11th inning, to lead the Houston Astros to a 9-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. George Foster scored in the bottom of the ninth inning on a wild pitch by St. Louis reliever Mark Littell to give the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 decision over the Cardinals.

Jeff Burroughs hit a double in the eighth, bringing in the go-ahead run, to give the Atlanta Braves a 3-2 triumph over the Chicago Cubs. Andre Dawson and Gary Carter each slammed a pair of home runs and drove in three runs apiece to pace the Montreal Expos past the San Francisco Giants 14-8.

In other games, the Baltimore Orioles beat the Oakland A's 7-1. California downed Boston 8-6, and the Seattle Mariners defeated the New York Yankees 6-5.

San Diego defeats Vancouver in soccer

SAN DIEGO, California, April 28 (AP)—Peter Nover scored after 29-45 of play, giving the San Diego Sockers a 1-0 victory over the Vancouver Whitecaps in a North American Soccer League game Friday night. Leonardo Cuellar and Julie Vee were credited with assists on the goal. Nover kicked the ball into the right-hand corner from about 12 yards out.

Call for world hockey matches in U.S.

PERTH, Australia, April 28 (AP)—An American field hockey official expressed hopes Saturday that the game could be made increasingly popular in the United States, with the staging of some international competitions. John Greer, President of the Field Hockey Association of America said he was "a bit embarrassed" about the state of the game in the United States. "There are more players and clubs in Perth than in the whole of the U.S., Canada and Mexico," he said, adding that in the United States field hockey was considered first a women's game and second, a foreign game.

Greer expressed hopes that the United States would be able to field a team in the 1984 Olympics which would be the first since 1932.

Polish cyclist wins race in Mexico

MULEGE, MEXICO, April 28 (AP)—Polish cyclist Jan Brzezny turned on a sprint in the last six miles of the fourth stage of the trans-Peninsular Bike Road Race Friday to win the 88-mile lap in 4 hours, 29 minutes, 43 seconds. Carlos Cardet of Cuba was second 4:29:48. Brzezny and Cardet escaped a pack of 12 cyclists nearly seven miles behind the finish line, and then Brzezny turned on a furious sprint to win his second lap of the 12-stage, 1,000-mile event.

Australia to play Pakistan in hockey finals

PERTH, Australia, April 28 (AP)—Australia and Pakistan will clash in the final of the world hockey tournament Sunday after two exciting semi-final matches Saturday in which fortune swung dramatically. Australia qualified first when it twice came from behind to down Great Britain 3-2, with goalkeeper Wayne Green taking a penalty stroke full in the face only minutes before the end to ensure the win.

Exhibiting only a shadow of its usual hockey skills and speed, Pakistan, current world champion, appeared completely dominated by the hard-fighting Netherlands, which shot a 2-0 lead by the 24th minute. But a last minute goal in the first half saw a rejuvenated Pakistani team enter the attack in the second half, fully utilising the excellent form shown by right winger Kalimullah. Kalimullah scored his team's first four goals, two of them aided by his brother, Samiullah, who scored the final goal for a convincing 5-2 victory.

In the only other match Saturday, Canada beat Kenya 3-1 to clinch seventh spot in world hockey standings. Besides the Australia-Pakistan finals, other matches Sunday are between Great Britain and Netherlands for third and fourth positions and between India and New Zealand for fifth and sixth place.

Family reunion at table tennis tourney

PYONGYANG, North Korea, April 28 (AP)—The Korean-born interpreter for the United States ping pong team tearfully hugged his elderly mother for the first time in nearly 30 years Saturday at a carefully staged family reunion. "Don't leave Pyongyang," begged his oldest sister. It was the first reunion of families divided by the Korean War ever held in North Korea—and local officials intimated that withdrawal of United States troops from South Korea could spur further reunions.

Young Il Ko of Annandale, Virginia, came with the American team in hopes of finding the mother, five sisters and younger brother left behind in 1950 when he fled with his father to South Korea at the age of seven. He didn't know whether they were alive or dead. Shortly after 10 a.m., he walked into a small room at the Changgwangsan Hotel which was packed with photographers and reporters and stared for several minutes at the tiny lady with the wrinkled face who put her arm on his shoulder. "It wasn't the face either remembered. And it took several minutes and some questions before each was convinced. "Is this my mother?" said Ko. "You are really my son," said the woman. Then, 36-year-old Ko tearfully hugged his 69-year-old mother Lee Jung Ho and moments later two of his sisters.

Borg, Connors win tennis matches

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, April 28 (AP)—Top-seeded Bjorn Borg and Second-seeded Jimmy Connors scored straight-set victories in the semi-finals of the \$250,000 Alan King Tennis Classic Friday. Borg, of Sweden, breezed past unseeded Gene Mayer 6-1, 6-1 in the afternoon. Connors had a tougher time at night, downing third-seeded John McEnroe 7-5, 6-4. Borg and Connors will meet Saturday afternoon for the championship, with the winner collecting \$50,000. The 22-year-old Borg needed just 43 minutes to dispose of Mayer. The other semifinal match lasted about 90 minutes. Connors refused to talk to reporters after the match. Prior to playing McEnroe he said: "I came here to play tennis, not to talk."

U.K. Football Roundup
Forest, Liverpool battle out draw

LONDON, April 28 (R)—Nottingham Forest and Liverpool, two top soccer teams in England, battled out a goalless draw today in virtually assured Liverpool of their third first division title next year.

Forest, the reigning champions, who reached the European final last Wednesday, badly needed two points to stay in contention but Liverpool were in their most determined mood.

England midfielder Terry McDermott twice rattled the Liverpool defense as Liverpool pressed for a winner, although manager Paisley was delighted with the point which leaves his team's points clear of Forest.

West Bromwich Albion also remained seven points behind Liverpool when they could only draw away to Middlesbrough. Mark B put Middlesbrough ahead before Albion snatched an equalizer through top scorer Ally Brown.

Liverpool still have five matches to play and can be overtaken by Arsenal and Manchester United, who will meet at Wembley in weeks to decide the Football Association (FA) cup final, held at home.

United were held by Derby County, a point which would secure first division football at Derby next season. But Queens Park Rangers thrashed Coventry 5-1 to keep the hope alive of overtaking Derby. Clive Allen, playing his first game for Rangers, scored three goals.

The second division promotion battle took another twist as Sunderland slumping to a shock 2-1 home defeat by Cardiff, who are battling to avoid relegation.

Brighton regained the lead with a 2-1 home win over Blackburn and Stoke hung on to second place, despite dropping point at home to Newcastle. Sunderland are the only team in the division to have lost all three of their last four games.

Crystal Palace, with goals from David Swindell and Murphy, boosted their chances of division one soccer with a 2-0 over Notts County, putting them level on points with Sunderland. Palace's London rival, West Ham United, virtually ruined chances of promotion by dropping a point against Watford, incident-packed 1-1 draw.

Welsh international goalkeeper Dai Davies was sent off after Bonds had put West Ham ahead. Davies insisted that Bonds handled the ball into the net.

His argument was augmented by a push at the referee. Davies was immediately shown the red card.

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Camel excursion to the 'Valley of the Moon'

Text and photos
By Marianne Pearson
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Mr. Ghattas Jordan led his first overnight camel trip to Wadi Rum several years ago when, at the last minute, a group of American women found their plans had gone awry. Mrs. Alice Pickering, wife of the then U.S. ambassador, asked him if he would guide the group through the Wadi.

Since then he has become a director of Grand Travel and Tourism which on April 19-20 sponsored the eighth trip he has

led into Wadi Rum. Tours are sometimes a headache to arrange, involving, among other things, hiring 30 camels and camelers and transporting food, drinks, sleeping bags, and other paraphernalia by Land Rover into the camp site. Trips are made during the spring and fall only. The last trip this season will be in May.

So far, anyway, he has managed to eschew a routine, handle-the-tourists approach. He arranges a meeting before the trips at his house to allow a group to get acquainted. Campers are reminded that they may need a sweater because desert nights are

cool and to bring drinking water—whatever they need will be taken to the camp site by the motor vehicle. He is reassuring about camel riding. No one he knows, except himself—an expert horseman, incidentally—has ever fallen off a camel.

Wadi Rum has another, more descriptive name used by the people who live there, Wadi Qumran ("Valley of the Moon"). For the campers the experience of seeing the valley's ever-changing, spectacular panorama at camel's pace is a treat only Jordan (the country, this time) can offer. Who minds limping a little afterwards?



After a picnic lunch in a bedouin tent at the station, it's time to choose the camel. The one in the foreground has already been spoken for as the lady's hat on the saddle shows.

point for trips into Wadi Rum is the Wadi Rum desert police. Next to it is an impromptu handicraft shop.



Camelers take a tea break upon arrival at the camp site.



The caravan arrives at the camp site. Campers later enjoyed a dinner of charcoal-broiled, marinated lamb chops, baked potatoes, salad, and wine or soft drinks.

ing off - and on - is the only challenge to camel riders.



comes by Land Rover, the alternative desert vehicle. A kitchen is set up at one end of the tent; sleeping bags and mattresses are piled in the other. Most campers prefer to sleep outside, with an authentic planetarium show overhead.



There's running water at the "Wadi Rum Hilton."



Working 24 hours a day, camper Ralph Montee, director of CARE in Jordan, explores a dam built by the Nabataeans. He thinks it may have present possibilities.



Wadi Rum is surprisingly green. Long-rooted plants provide fodder for camel and goats throughout the year.



At Hasali there is shade for a leisurely lunch. Along the ledge of the mountain gorge in the background are Nabataean graffiti; beyond them and upwards the hardy can see mountain water springs.



Mr. Ghattas Jordan, leader of the overnight camel trip to Wadi Rum, with camel stick at Al Hasali. From there, it's a short ride back to the police station.

Society campaigns for public support of the mentally handicapped

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN—In the middle of all the sophisticated displays and market-like atmosphere at the hall of the Professional Association Club during last week's Jordan Medical Assembly could be spotted the small, unpretentious stand of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped.

Noticeable for its simplicity, the stand was not promoting the latest brand of surgical scissors, syringes or heart monitors, rather, it was simply appealing for understanding.

"Doctors, more than your money and pity we need understanding," read a caption for a blown-up photo of a mentally handicapped child engrossed in play at the Swedish Institute for Individual Relief in Shmeisani. How many eyes flitted over the words without registering the appeal in the hustle and bustle around the lonely but central stand at the three-day seminar?

In a recent interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Hisham Nazer, president and founding member of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped, outlined the purposes and goals of the four-month old society.

The seed for the association was planted during 1978, following a talk for parents of mentally handicapped children at the Swedish centre. In the ensuing discussion it became clear that some kind of association was needed through which parents could work and find help, either moral or financial, in coping with their mentally handicapped children.

As a result, at the beginning of this year the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped was formed. Already its members number 268 and are increasing almost daily, Dr. Nazer said. "We have attracted a lot of professional people who will be a valuable asset to the association," he added.

The association does not yet have its own premises for meetings or its own funds, but the nucleus of dedicated members on the executive committee has managed to beg time and rooms from various other societies in which to meet and formulate their programme.

Five of the nine members on the executive committee are either parents or close relatives of a mentally handicapped person, and over 100 of the 268 members have a mentally handicapped relative in their immediate family.

One of the more immediate concerns of the society is to awaken public interest in the mentally handicapped. "We could just go ahead and build a centre for

these children," Dr. Nazer, a paediatrician, said, "but that would be the easy thing to do. They (the mentally handicapped) must not be shut up in homes away from society, the public must know they are there and must be active in supporting them and their families."

"Not just with financial support either," he went on, "the parents of these children need all the moral support they can get, and that is what we aim to do, educate the public in this manner."

Recognising the value of television as a tool of education, the public information committee of the national association is preparing to make a four-part programme on the mentally handicapped in Jordan in cooperation with Jordan Television.

Miss Hala Tomeh, special education teacher and member of the executive committee of the national association, is writing the script for these programmes. She told the Jordan Times that each programme will deal with a different aspect of care for the mentally handicapped in Jordan.

The first programme will define the problems of the mentally handicapped with a general look at what being "mentally handicapped" really means. The second and third programmes will look at schools already catering to the mentally handicapped in Jordan and at the gaps in the facilities available. For instance, often schooling or home facilities are provided for mentally handicapped until they reach the age of about 18, but what happens after that? What about vocational training for those capable of receiving it?

The last programme will look at general issues, like legislation dealing with the mentally handicapped and their care. The question of responsibility will be raised in this final programme—is this a public or a private concern? In addition some methods of coping with the problems now being employed in the west will be looked at with a view to possibly applying them in Jordan.

Homes and schools for the mentally handicapped are very much needed and extremely important in coping with mentally handicapped children, Dr. Nazer said, but he recognises that a strong national movement towards a general awareness of the problems faced by families of the mentally handicapped are just as essential.

"It is not the aim of this association to function separately from the existing and worthy groups already devoted to the mentally handicapped. In fact I'm pleased to be able to say that many of our members are the very people who are already working with these

children in Jordan."

"We are not a rival group, but rather—exactly as our name indicates—a national association to which all these individual groups can refer for help and which will be organised by the representatives of these groups as well as—and this is very important—the parents of the mentally handicapped," he stressed.

"It is also my strong belief that we have to do even more than just provide homes for these children, we have to have better training for teachers, there must be a full service for the children, their parents and all the people concerned with them."

Optimistically Dr. Nazer sees the day when medical care and schooling will be available free to each and every mentally handicapped child in Jordan. This is not just a utopian dream but a very practical ambition, Dr. Nazer believes.

He argues that a lot of mental handicaps are the result of socio-cultural conditions. "Poor living conditions, a lack of opportunity or encouragement to play creatively and imaginatively and develop the mind all go towards inhibiting the mental progress of children," he said. "Midwives, medical care, social care, upbringing, vaccinations and so on all have a role to play in minimising mental handicaps," Dr. Nazer said.

In the West it is slowly being recognised that autistic children seem to be confined mainly to the middle and upper income families and research into the whys and wherefores of this is being carried out on many levels.

Apart from the socio-cultural causes for mental retardation, Dr. Nazer identified several other causes.

Malnutrition is one; the lack of a good basic diet in the early years can affect the growth of the brain. There are genetic reasons (related to close marriages) which, he believes, account for only about 5 per cent of all cases of mental retardation in Jordan. Metabolic disturbance is the cause of Down's syndrome, children with Down's syndrome are more commonly known as "mongoloid" because of the round faces and slanting eyes. Then there are mental problems resulting from complications at the time of birth and immediately afterwards; brain damage can occur during delivery or even because the mother smoked during the pregnancy, Dr. Nazer said.

Infections after birth, (like meningitis), particularly during the first months, are also a factor in mental damage, as well as accidents to the brain that can happen at any time during one's life.

"But besides all these causes, the largest number of cases belong to the 'no known cause' group," Dr. Nazer added. "These are the highest proportion of cases we come across, and not knowing the cause makes treatment more difficult to decide on," he said.

Dr. Nazer estimates there are some 10,000 mentally handicapped children needing places in homes and schools whereas there are only 500 places available for them.

One important aim of the association is to try to get financial aid for the families of mentally handicapped children to counteract situations where the child is either just locked in the home or left with a neighbour or an elderly member of the family, while the mother goes out to earn a living. Children are sometimes actually tied up in the house and left all day because the mother has to go out to work, Dr. Nazer said.

"Not all families want to put their children in homes. In these



Dr. Hisham Nazer



"Concentration"



Children at the Swedish Institute for Individual Relief in Shmeisani get down to work



Games are an important aspect of the education and care of the mentally handicapped. This session of musical chairs is being enjoyed by pupils at the Swedish Institute.



"Catch!" Children enjoy outdoor games at the Swedish Centre.

THE Sunday Crossword

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RECKONING

By Martha J. De Witt

ACROSS

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- 6 Pantryhouse
- 11 Fastening
- 15 Kind of sax
- 19 Engraved dish
- 21 Scottish dish
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- 27 Youngster's game
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- 86 Hollers
- 88 Pegasus
- 89 Mario's money
- 90 Loony
- 91 Ames, in America
- 92 Veer
- 93 Wind direction
- 94 Dime store
- 97 Gorge
- 98 Edam
- 99 Norse gods
- 100 Gloss
- 101 Leek's cousin
- 104 Eagle's weapons
- 105 Sneezy
- 106 Feminine suffix
- 108 Boer or sun
- 110 Common drug
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- 115 Line of a child's rhyme
- 118 Jungle sound
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Diagramless

17 X 17, by Pat Bradshaw

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- 2 Raven's word
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- 4 "Lovely day"
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- 6 Erect tent
- 7 Alpine region
- 8 Bullying cheer
- 9 On the sea
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SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES

1. Window was open to public, students, but it was not a window.
2. Suburban clown's theme song: "The clown that lives in the garden."
3. The Maine and Pearl Harbor adder pray, let's remember the answer.
4. Who dances and no to the dance and dance.

Clubs, Societies, Sports Groups--let us know what you are doing

Our "What's going on" section needs YOUR help if it is going to be a success. It's the news of your clubs, your exhibitions, your meetings and outings that are open to the public which appear in "What's going on". Help us to help you publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, commercial exhibitions—our readers are interested in your event.

Please write us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or even call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and tell us what's going on.

The Jordan Times will publish free listings on the day of the event.



A get together of local food importers was held recently at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel by the commercial section of the French Embassy, in connection with the French Food Council's current campaign promoting French foods in Jordan.

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YOUR DAILY horoscope

Mar. 21 to Apr. 19 Ideal day for taking in with persons you like. Perfect your special wild tendency to take financial risks.

Apr. 20 to May 20 Handle outside affairs and improve your position in the community. Get to the attention of a bigwig. Relax in the id show devotion to family.

May 21 to June 21 Fine day for shopping important errands. Communicating with others. Make needed repairs to property, but watch children.

June 22 to July 21 Plan how to our income so that you can hold your own in. Get good ideas from a successful person you e no risks with stocks and bonds you may have. ly 22 to Aug. 21) Gain personal aims that mean al to you via orthodox methods. Enjoy good ring spare time. Evening is fine for study and 1, hat retire early.

Aug. 22 to Sept. 22 Plan the future as you like wo careful way. Listero to advice of a clever per- interested in your welfare. Show particular af- ne of whom you are very fond.

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 Get the assistance of good the new goals you plan to reach soon. Know you want from the personal angle.

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21 You are now able to han- unity affairs well that have been awaiting your for some time. Bring your ability to the atten- tentionful individual.

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21 Make the new con- wish to be allied with and get good results. Plan have in mind carefully. Don't leave anything to

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 Make sure you keep so that you do not get into any kind of trouble. Make it a point to show more affection and your relationship.

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 Do whatever will ur partners most and gain their goodwill. on't be stingy with compliments where deserv- one who is very depressive.

Feb. 20 to Mar. 20 Make the right decision persons you want to have as allies in the days y work you do now should have your own stamp l on it.



Skiers cavort near the Capitol in Washington. A late winter storm, one of the most severe in this century, dropped some 60 centimetres of new snow on the already whitened federal city. Ensuing sunshine and warm weather, however, quickly melted the cover. (ICA photo)

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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You had it coming to you!

THIS KIND OF JUSTICE SERVES ONE RIGHT!

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GAVEL IRATE JOCKEY BANISH
Answer: "A bit of Old English for you!" — "THEE"

THE Daily Crossword

by Norton Rhoades

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19 Lorelei's river
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42 — Carla
43 — Maines
44 Conglomerate letters
45 — than life

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46 Swallows' town, for short
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